Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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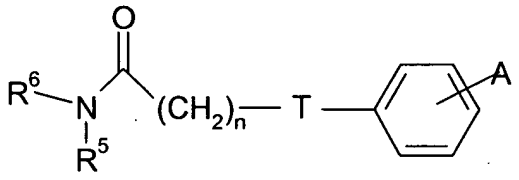

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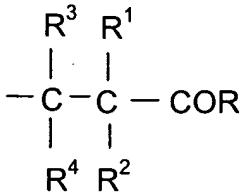

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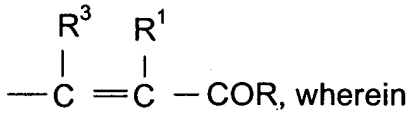

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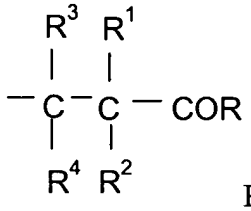
R^1 is alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or when A is  R^1 can also be cyano;

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$-SR^d$, wherein R^d is as defined above;

$-SO_2NR^aR^f$, wherein R^f and R^a are as defined above;

$-SO_2OR^a$, wherein R^a is as defined above;

$-COOR^d$, wherein R^d is as defined above;

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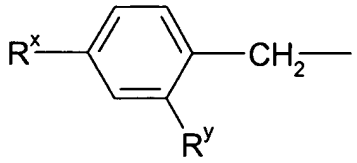
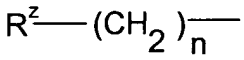


wherein R^x represents chloro, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, R^y represents H or fluoro; and a second proviso that when A is $CH_2CH(OC_2H_5)COOC_2H_5$ or $CH_2CH(OC_2H_5)COOH$; T is O; n is 1 and R^5 represents hexyl or heptyl then R^6 does not represent a group of formula



wherein R^z represents phenyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl or cyclohexyl , and n is 1 or 2;

provided that the compound of formula I is not:

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-[[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methyl]thio]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[butyl(1-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(3-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-phenoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methyl-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-[ethyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

α-methoxy-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(3-methylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methylhexyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[[3-(methylphenylamino)propyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(cyclobutylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

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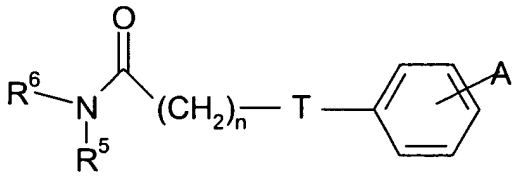

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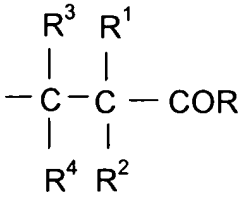

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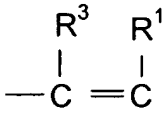

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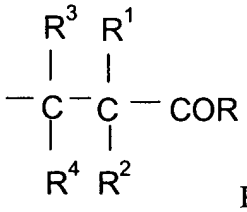
R^1 is alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or when A is  R^1 can also be cyano;

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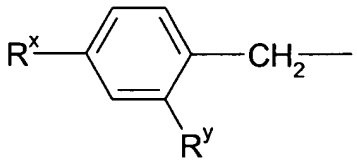

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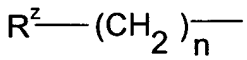

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(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[[3-(methylphenylamino)propyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[[(1S)-1-(1-naphthalenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[(1R)-1-phenylethyl](phenylmethyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)-4-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-phenoxy-, ethyl ester- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)-3-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-piperidinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[[2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(1,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-(4-fluorophenoxy)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-acetylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-ethyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-phenoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(hexylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-phenylethyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

[[4-[2-oxo-2-[[phenyl[2-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]methyl]-, diethyl ester-propanedioic acid;

4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-α,α-

dimethyl-, ethyl ester - benzenepropanoic acid;

2-[[4-(2-amino-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]methylene]-3-oxo-, methyl ester -butanoic acid;

4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-α-phenyl-,ethyl ester- benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-α,α-dimethyl-, ethyl ester - benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-[[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]methylamino]-4-hydroxyphenyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-(methylthio)-, ethyl ester-benzenepropanoic acid;

[[4-[2-oxo-2-[[phenyl[2-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methyl]aminoethyl]phenyl]methyl]-propanedioic acid;

N-[3-[4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]phenyl]-1-oxo-2-phenylpropyl]-, methyl ester - glycine;

4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-α-phenyl-benzenepropanoic acid;

N-[3-[4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]phenyl]-1-oxo-2-phenylpropyl]-glycine;

or

4-[3-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-oxopropyl]-α-phenyl-benzenpropanoic acid.

3. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently selected substituents, comprising C, H, N, O, S or halogen atoms, which give compounds of the General Formula I a molecular weight < 650.

4. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R^5 and R^6 independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-13}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl or C_{2-10}alkynyl each of which is optionally substituted by one or more of the following which may be the same or different: C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), C_{3-8}cycloalkoxy, C_{3-8}cycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heterocyclyloxy, heteroaryloxy, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl C_{1-8}alkoxy, aryl C_{1-8}alkoxy, heterocyclyl C_{1-8} alkoxy or heteroaryl C_{1-8} alkoxy, fluorine or hydroxy and wherein each of these substituents may optionally be substituted on carbon with one or more substituents which may be the same or different and

selected from C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl (optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl (optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), heterocyclyl (optionally substituted by C_{1-6}alkyl on any nitrogen), heteroaryl (optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), C_{3-8}cycloalkoxy, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-8}alkoxy, aryloxy (optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl C_{1-8}alkoxy (wherein the aryl part is optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), halogen, amino, nitro, hydroxy, methylsulfonyl, methylsulfonyloxy, cyano or methylenedioxy,

or R^5 and R^6 independently represent C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl; C_3-C_8 cycloalkenyl; aryl; heterocyclyl; or heteroaryl; wherein each of these groups is optionally substituted by one or more of the following: C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl (optionally substituted by C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;
or R^5 and R^6 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a single or a fused heterocyclic system.

5. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1[,] ~~claim 2 or claim 4~~ wherein A is $CH_2CH(OR^t)COOR^m$ wherein R^t represents C_{1-4}alkyl and wherein R^m represents H or C_{1-4}alkyl.

6. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein n represents 2, 3 or 4.

7. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and each represents alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl.

8. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein R^3 and R^4 are hydrogen.

9. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently selected substituents, comprising C, N, O, S, Se, P or halogen atoms.

10. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein when either of R^5 and R^6 is hydrogen, the other is not an alkyl.

11. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen or fluorine.

12. (Original) One or more compounds selected from:
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(octyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(nonyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[Benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
(2*S*)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[(1-methylindol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2,3-Dimethoxybenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[Butyl(2,3-dimethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-Chlorobenzyl)(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(Cyclohexylmethyl)(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-Ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[ethyl(2-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[[4-(benzyloxy)benzyl](butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[bis(4-Chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-Butylbenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-{(4-Chlorobenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-{bis[4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[Benzyl(ethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid and

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-Butylbenzyl)(ethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(3-ethoxypropyl)(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2-chlorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[heptyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[[(4-cyanocyclohexyl)methyl](4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-isopropylbenzyl)(2-methoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2-chlorobenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(2,3-dimethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)(3-bromobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-{(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethoxybenzyl)(2-thienylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-{4-[2-(dibenzylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]phenyl}-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethylbenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[heptyl(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-{(4-chlorobenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{(4-methylbenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{(4-methylbenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-isobutylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-difluorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 or 12~~ claim 1 in admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, diluents and/or carriers.

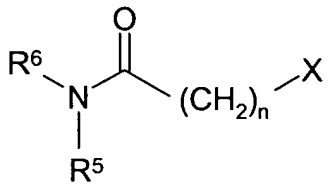
14. (Currently amended) A method of treating or preventing lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not associated with insulin resistance comprising the administration of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 or 12~~ claim 1 to a mammal in need thereof.

15. (Currently amended) The use of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not associated with insulin resistance.

16. (Currently amended) A method of treating or preventing type 2 diabetes comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula I according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 to a mammal in need thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1 combined with another therapeutic agent that is useful in the treatment of disorders associated with the development and progress of atherosclerosis such as hypertension, hyperlipidaemias, dyslipidaemias, diabetes and obesity.

18. (Original) A compound of formula VI:



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wherein R5, R6 and n is as defined in any of the preceding claims and X is a leaving group, such as a halide, OSO_2CH_3, OTosyl, ONosyl, OSO_2CF_3, OC(O)OR, $OP(O)(OR)_2$ or OSO_2OR, particularly chloro or bromo.